UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

GARLOND WILLIAMS

Plaintiff,

vs.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL AND COPIES OF ALL PROCESS AND PLEADINGS

and JUNIOR E. FERNANDEZ,

Defendants.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446, Defendant Swift Transportation Co of Arizona, LLC (improperly pled as Swift Transportation Mohave) (hereinafter "Swift") submits the following Notice of Removal from the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Middlesex County, the Court in which the above-referenced matter is now pending, to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. In support of its Notice of Removal, Swift states as follows:

- 1. This action arises out of an alleged collision between plaintiff's truck and a truck driven by former Swift employee Junior E. Fernandez.
- 2. Plaintiff commenced this action on January 11, 2022 by filing a pro se Complaint in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Middlesex County, bearing docket number L-331-22. (*See Exhibit A*). Plaintiff's original complaint alleges that the accident at issue occurred on January 7, 2020. (*Id.*)
- 3. Plaintiff then filed an amended complaint on February 22, 2022. (*See Exhibit B*). In that Complaint, Plaintiff alleges that the accident at issue occurred on January 27, 2020.

4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), Swift attaches copies of all process, pleadings and orders served upon it, including: a true and correct copy of Plaintiff's Complaints.

Timeliness of Removal and Amount in Controversy

- 5. Plaintiff's complaints were never properly served. However, Swift, through counsel, accepted service of the amended complaint on April 21, 2022. Then, on April 27, 2022, Plaintiff attempted service of the amended complaint on Mohave Transportation Insurance Company, an improper entity. (*See Exhibit C*)
- 6. This Notice of Removal is being filed within thirty (30) days after service of the amended complaint was accepted, and is therefore timely pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).
- 7. On April 21, 2022, Plaintiff also made a demand to counsel for Swift of \$750,000.00. Accordingly, the amount in controversy in this case exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs.

Diversity of Citizenship

- 8. According to the Complaint plaintiff is an individual residing in Texas. Therefore, it is presumed that Plaintiff is a citizen of Texas.
- 9. Swift is a limited liability company, with Knight-Swift Transportation Holdings as its sole member. Knight-Swift Transportation Holdings is incorporated in the State of Delaware with its principal place of business in the State of Arizona.
- 10. Defendant Junior Fernandez has not been served and thus his citizenship should be disregarded for the purposes of determining diversity. However, Mr. Fernandez is believed to be an individual residing in Georgia. Therefore, it is presumed that he is a citizen of Georgia.
- 11. Accordingly, pursuant to 28 *U.S.C.* § 1332 (c)(1), diversity of citizenship exists between the parties.

Plea for Removal

- 12. 28 U.S.C. §1441(a) provides that a state court action over which a district court of the United States would possess original jurisdiction may be removed to the district court for the district and division embracing the place where the state court action is pending.
- 13. There is diversity of citizenship and the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional requirement of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00); therefore, this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332 and removal of this proceeding to this Court is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441.
- 14. Written notice is being given to all parties and to the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Middlesex County that this Notice of Removal is being filed with this Court.

WHEREFORE, Swift respectfully requests that the entire state court action under MID-L-331-22, currently pending Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Middlesex County, be removed to this Court for all further proceedings.

GOLDBERG SEGALLA, LLP

BY: /s/ Christopher P. Midura
CHRISTOPHER P. MIDURA, ESQUIRE

Attorneys for Defendant Swift Transportation Co of Arizona, LLC (improperly pled as Swift

Transportation Mohave)

Date: May 9, 2022

EXHIBIT A

Form A	BATCH#	600	PAYMENT TYPE	AH
	RECEIPT#	000349981	DATE	1/11/2022
Plaintiff or Filing Attorney Information:	REFERENCE #	14868487	AMOUNT \$	\$250.00
Name Mr. Garlond P. WILLIAMS				
NJ Attorney ID Number				
Address 2230 Neal St				
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Telephone Number 903-215-2231				
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MR.GARLOND WILLIAMS	Docket No: _			
Plaintiff,	(t	o be filled in by th	e court)	
Swift Transportation Mohave / Junior E		Civil Action		
Fernandez		Complain	t	
Defendant(s).				
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(your name)	, residing at			
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(your address)	(yo	ur city or town)		
County of GREGG (your county)				
(John County)				
State Of New Jersey, complaining of defendant, states as for	ollows:			
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EXHIBIT B

Form A
Plaintiff or Filing Attorney Information: Name Mr. Cadard P. Valudicions NJ Attorney ID Number Address 2230 Neal 5t Longview Texas 75602 Telephone Number 903-215-2231 or 214-876-4172 Big 6 xpress
Big & Fypress LLC. Mr. Garland Williams Plaintiff, Swift Transportation Wohave Tunior F. Fernandez Defendant(s). Superior Court of New Jersey Law Division Middlesex County Civil Part Docket No: (to be filled in by the court) Civil Action Complaint
Plaintiff, Mr. Garlond Williams residing at 2730 Neal 5t City of Longuieu (your address) County of Creacy (your county)
1. On Janking 17, 20 20. Swift Transpartation Mohale Defendant (name of person being sued) Junior E Ferrandez (Summarize what happened that resulted in your claim against the defendant. Use additional pages if necessary.) Driver of #1. Swift truck #173859 Junior E Ferrandez, hat Garlood Williams #2 truck #2633 and trailer causing me to be flung at of the top bank; also collided into the back of #3 truck causing the erosion of Big & apress IIC, Bad Faith Financially Status. The defendant in this action resides at Swift Transportation P.O. Box 79743 In the County of Phoenix AZ, State of New Jersey.
(name of county where defendant lives) 2. Plaintiff is entitled to relief from defendant under the above facts.

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Wherefore, plaintiff requests judgment against defendant for damages, together with attorney's fees, if applicable, costs of suit, and any other relief as the court may deem proper. Dated: Signature:
CERTIFICATION OF NO OTHER ACTIONS
I certify that the dispute about which I am suing is not the subject of any other action pending in any other court or a pending arbitration proceeding to the best of my knowledge and belief. Also, to the best of my knowledge and belief no other action or arbitration proceeding is contemplated. Further, other than the parties set forth in this complaint, I know of no other parties that should be made a part of this lawsuit. In addition, I recognize my continuing obligation to file and serve on all parties and the court an amended certification if there is a change in the facts stated in this original certification. Dated: Dated: Signature:
OPTIONAL: If you would like to have a judge decide your case, do not include the following paragraph in your complaint. If you would prefer to have a jury to decide your case, please sign your name after the following paragraph.
JURY DEMAND
The plaintiff demands trial by a jury on all of the triable issues of this complaint, pursuant to New Jersey Court Rules 1:8-2(b) and 4:35-1(a). Dated:
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EXHIBIT C

NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS, INC SERVICE OF PROCESS SUMMARY TRANSMITTAL FORM

To: Araceli Deleon Swift Transportation Services, LLC 2200 S 75th Ave Phoenix, AZ 85043-7410

SOP Transmittal # 541479273

Entity Served: MOHAVE TRANSPORTATION INSURANCE COMPANY (Domestic State: ARIZONA)

Enclosed herewith are legal documents received on behalf of the above captioned entity by National Registered Agents, Inc or its Affiliate in the State of ARIZONA on this 27 day of April, 2022. The following is a summary of the document(s) received:

1.	Title of Action: Mr. Garland Williams vs. Swift Transportation
2.	Document(s) Served: Other:
3.	Court of Jurisdiction/Case Number: None Specified Case # MIDL00033122
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